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March 30, 2010

Laurie Small  
PO Box 65  
Dubois ID 83423

**RE: Water District No. 31, 32-C, 32-D**

Dear Secretary / Treasurer:

We acknowledge receipt of the Minutes of the Annual Watermaster's Election Meeting held in your district. The Watermaster Certificate will be sent under separate cover.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dennis Dunn  
Senior Water Right Agent

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Clark County Auditor and Recorder  
C/O Carol Hoopes  
PO Box 205  
Dubois ID 83423

**RE: Water District No. #31, 32-C and 32-D**

Dear Treasurer / Auditor:

Enclosed please find copies of the Adopted Budget and Minutes of the above Water District. They have been read and approved by this office.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Dunn  
Senior Water Rights Agent

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**Dallas Furness  
Chairman**

**Greg Shenton  
Watermaster**

**Laurie Small  
Secretary**

**WATER DISTRICT #31  
Dubois, Idaho**

**CLARK AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES, IDAHO**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2010**

The water users of Water District No. 31 met in the Clark County Annex Building, Dubois, Idaho, on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., as provided by Idaho Statutes for the purpose of electing a chairman and secretary, electing a watermaster, adopting the 2010 budget, and any other business that may come before the District.

Those in attendance were: Dallas Furness, Chairman; Jim Hagenbarth, George Perschon, Renee Perschon, Brian Wehausen (Camas Wildlife Refuge), Ron Hillman, Keith Shulberg, Don Parker, Greg Shenton, Watermaster; Brett Murdock, Deputy Watermaster; and Laurie Small, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Dallas Furness, Chairman at 1:06 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the proposed agenda. Jim Hagenbarth moved that the proposed agenda be adopted as the order of business for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Keith Shulberg. Motion passed.

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Nomination and Election of Chairman and Secretary
3. Reading of minutes of previous meeting
4. Appointment of Credential Committee
5. Report of Credentials Committee
6. Roll Call
7. Report of Watermaster & approval
8. Fix the compensation of Watermaster & deputy & Adoption of Budget
9. Election of Watermaster & Deputy
10. Appointment of Advisory Board
11. Adoption of Resolutions
12. IDWR Report
13. Set time and date for next year's annual meeting
14. Other business
15. Adjournment

## **MINUTES**

Minutes were passed out to all those in attendance. Minutes were read individually. Chairman Furness asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Don Parker found an error in the totals on the salary portion of the proposed and adopted budgets. Total in salary portion on both proposed and adopted section should have been \$55,300.00. Chairman Furness asked for a motion to accept the minutes with corrections made. Don Parker made the motion to accept the minutes with corrections made. Ron Hillman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY**

Chairman Furness asks for nomination from the floor for Chairman and Secretary. Don Parker moved that Dallas Furness continue as Chairman and Laurie Small as Secretary. Keith Shulberg seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **APPOINTMENT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Jim Hagenbarth moved and Don Parker seconded the motion to dispense with agenda items No. 4-6 and go directly to No. 7. The appointment of the credentials committee, the recess for the credentials committee, and its report would be dispensed with. Motion passed.

## **REPORT OF WATERMASTER**

Deputy Watermaster Brett Murdock distributed the 2009 Watermaster's Report. Watermaster Greg Shenton discussed the items in the report as follows.

### **2009 WATER YEAR**

The 2009 water delivery was at 103,308 A.F. for the water district. A total of 21,235 A.F. of water was delivered in Clark County, and 82,073 A.F. of water was delivered in Jefferson County. The 2008 water delivery was at 113,729 A.F. for the water district. A total of 18,411 A.F. of water was delivered in Clark County, and 95,318 A.F. of water was delivered in Jefferson County. The 2009 water delivery was down 10,421 A.F. from that which was delivered in the 2008 water season.

### **STREAM FLOWS**

Beaver Creek ran to Dubois until July 13<sup>th</sup>. Camas Creek flowed to the Refuge until July 22<sup>nd</sup> in 2009.

### **WELL FLOWS**

Well fields are able to keep up with the demand for water. Independent water users started pumping on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March and Mud Lake Water Users started pumping the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March.

### **CLEANING OF CAMAS CREEK**

The 404 permit, from I-15 to a little east of the railroad, is still in the process of being renewed.

### **BEAVER**

Beaver have been fairly steady in the Kilgore area. Each year there are a few problem areas, but not more than a handful. Water users funding for beaver is overdrawn. If more funding is needed then a letter will need to be sent out to water users asking for contributions to replenish this fund.

### **MUD LAKE CONTENT**

Watermaster reported on the water levels in Mud Lake for March 1, 2010, which was 6,710 A.F. May 1, 2009, which was 30,200 A.F. and November 1, 2009, which was 13,400 A.F.

### **CAMAS CREEK INFLOW INTO MUD LAKE**

For 2008 the inflow was 5,844 A.F. The 2009 inflow was 1,620 A.F.

### **2009 WATER USE OF MAJOR CANAL COMPANIES**

Mud Lake Water Users used a total of 65,415 A.F., applying 2.36 A.F. per acre, while the Independent Water Users used 8,983 A.F., applying 1.74 A.F. per acre. 2009 average use in the Mud Lake area 2.26 A.F. per acre. From 1992 to 2009 the average is 2.86 A.F. per acre. The high was in 1992 of 3.31 and the low was in 2009 of 2.26.

### **SNOW REPORT - MARCH 1, 2010**

The Camp Creek-Beaver Creek measurements show a snow depth of 27" with water content at 5.8 compared to Kilgore-Camas Creek measured show a snow depth of 26" with water content at 5.4. The Camp Creek snow course is at 70% of normal, the Kilgore course is 53% of normal, the Crab Creek course is at 61%, and the Lake View Ridge is at 55% of normal. The average of all 4 sites is 60% of normal.

Greg also reported on the cloud seeding in the area. An aerial map was passed out that showed the placement of both manual and remote generators in the area. There are 26 manual units. Idaho Power has put in 9 remote generators and proposes to have a total of 35 within the next year. The cost of these generators are approximately \$25,000.00 and Idaho Power is funding this.

### **2009 BUDGET REVIEW AND 2010 BUDGET PROPOSAL**

Greg Shenton reviewed the 2009 budget and actual expenses, explaining some of the expenditures. Greg also went over the 2010 Budget Proposal which would remain the same as 2009 budget if adopted. The Federal Agencies were \$11,810.06.

### **APPROVAL OF WATERMASTER'S REPORT & ADOPTION OF BUDGET**

Keith Shulberg made a motion to approve the Watermaster's Report. Don Parker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ron Hillman made a motion to approve the compensation of Watermaster and Deputy. Jim Hagenbarth seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Don Parker made a motion to adopt the Proposed 2010 Budget as presented. Jim Hagenbarth seconded that motion. Motion passed.

	2010 Proposed Budget		2010 Adopted Budget
Misc. Expenses	\$38,550.00		\$38,550.00
Channel & Legal	1,000.00		1,000.00
Secretary	\$450.00		\$450.00
Office Rent	2,000.00		2,000.00
TOTAL	42,000.00		42,000.00
Watermaster Salary	31,800.00		31,800.00
Deputy Salary	23,500.00		23,500.00
TOTAL	55,300.00		55,300.00
Watermaster Mileage	14,500.00		14,500.00
Deputy Mileage	12,000.00		12,000.00
2009 Budget	123,800.00		123,800.00
Less Carry Over			
Less Federal Agencies	11,810.06		11,810.06
Proposed Budget	111,989.94	Adopted Budget	111,989.94

#### **ELECTION OF WATERMASTER AND DEPUTY WATERMASTER**

The Chairman called for nominations from the floor for Watermaster and Deputy Watermaster. Don Parker nominated Greg Shenton as Watermaster and Brett Murdock as Deputy Watermaster. Keith Shulberg moved nominations cease. Jim Hagenbarth seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY BOARD**

The Chairman re-appointed the following to the Advisory Board: Dallas Furness as Chairman, Jim Hagenbarth, Valeria Maxwell, Andy Dobson, Keith Shulberg, Gerald Messerli and Bill Frederiksen as members. Don Parker made the motion to accept the Advisory Board. Ron Hillman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

The Chairman called for a motion to adopt the following resolutions.

##### **High Water at Mud Lake**

Be it hereby resolved, that the Watermaster be authorized to determine when diversion is needed and to divert any high water. That such water be considered stored in the aquifer, with rights to the water being retained by the district. Diversion of said waters would be by diverting at the Lone Tree Diversion, and pumping through the diversion canal at the Mud Lake Water Users.

#### **Collection of Water Assessments**

Be it hereby resolved, that no ditch, canal co., or other water user shall have the right to demand and receive water, and the watermaster shall not deliver such water, until full payment is made. Said payment becomes due April 1, and becomes delinquent April 15, and if not paid by April 15, shall bear interest from the date of April 1, until paid at the rate of 8% per annum.

Be it further resolved that government agencies be exempt from the above provisions to the extent necessary for them to comply with payments according to the provisions of Federal law, and that the Watermaster of District 31, be authorized to enter into contract with said agencies of the United States for payment of assessment as provided in the budget.

#### **Mud Lake Water Users**

Be it hereby resolved, that any water user that completes the water year with a negative balance on the Mud Lake balance sheet shall have that negative balance carried forward to the April draft column on the balance sheet of the following year, and said negative balance shall be charged to the Mud Lake allotment of said following year, as set forth in part 5, paragraph 4 of the Mud Lake Decree.

#### **District Billings and Collections**

Be it hereby resolved, that the Clark County Auditor make up a roll of all Water District 31 users to include all Jefferson County users. Be it further resolved that the Clark County Treasurer mail out said billings and make collections of all Water District 31 Water Users to include all Jefferson County Water Users in said Water District 31 boundaries.

Be it further resolved that the Clark County Treasurer also make all payments and disbursements owed by Water District 31, which are presented through the proper claims procedures which are common to other Clark County practices.

#### **ADOPT RESOLUTIONS**

Keith Shulberg made a motion that the resolutions be adopted. Don Parker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **IDWR REPORT**

There was not a report from the IDWR.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Don Parker reported on CAMP updates and issues. Participation is voluntary at this time. CAMP proposes a \$1.45 per acre fee. Water District 110 is the ones affected by this at this time. Jim Hagenbarth made a motion to accept Don Parker's report. Ron Hillman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **MEETING TIME**

Hillman made the motion to have the next meeting on March 9, 2010 at 1:00 p.m., at the Clark County Annex Building in Dubois, Idaho. Keith Shulberg seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Furness asked if there was any further business; having no further business, he called the meeting adjourned. Keith Shulberg moved to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:10 p.m.

ATTEST: *Dallas Furness* *Laurie Small*  
Dallas Furness Laurie Small  
Chairman Secretary